

CARNIVAL OF FUN TITLE OF CONEY'S 1912 FREE SHOW

Naming Candidates for the
Crown of the Isle of Fun
and Voting Starts.

TIME IS VERY SHORT.

Ballots Are Printed in The Evening
World and You
Can Vote Often.

It is no idle boast that the Tenth Annual Mardi-Gras at Coney Island, Sept. 9 to 14, will be greater and a better free show than any of its predecessors, for after the score of "No Mardi-Gras this year," which meant the loss of what they had come to know as "a whole week of Saturdays and Sundays," the business men, purveyors of entertainment, sellers of refreshments, solid and liquid, the street vendors and all the rest who cater to the summer crowds at New York's play city by the sea, tumbled over each other's heels when the leaders finally took up the task of another carnival. "Provided they were properly supported by the dealers and contractor the remainder of the year."

It does not require so much money as it did in the beginning of this annual free show, or the Association has steadily added to its Mardi-Gras "plant" and now owns an outfit of floats, costumes and other accessories worth many thousands of dollars. This year there will be money enough to add much to the show besides allowing for a substantial increase in the value of the prizes offered for competition in various fields. It has been decided, for instance, to offer \$5,000 in prizes to the competitors in the Comic and Character Costume Division of the nightly pageant, and the title of this year's show is "Carnival of Fun," which offers every inducement for the funny people to do their funniest in the competition, which is in charge of Richard J. Geary, Coney Island, to whom applications for entrance to the competition should be addressed.

NO ENTRANCE FEE CHARGED
THE FUN MAKERS.

There is no entrance fee, and there will be more than one hundred prizes from \$5 to \$100. There were more than 300 men, women and children in this competition last year, and there will probably be a thousand this year.

The customary election of a King Carnival is the most important thing that goes on at Coney Island. The campaign there will be as hot as the campaign there will be. The first coupon ballot was published in The Evening World yesterday, and the coupon ballot will appear on the second page from now till the close of the polls at noon on Thursday, Sept. 5. Nominations, with a description of the candidates, his business and address, may be addressed to James M. Conahan, Secretary, Coney Island Mardi-Gras Association, or the Mardi-Gras Editor, The Evening World, Room 313, No. 63 Park Row.

Already several candidates have been nominated and accepted by the committee. Although William D. Kelle, the popular South Brooklynite whose Prospect Hall friends made him a "fantastically close second in the race of 1911," is on the ocean on his way home after a summer in Europe, his was the dramatic name sent in to the committee, together with votes as evidence of the earnestness of the nominators. One of Mr. Kelle's most earnest supporters is John Petri.

John J. Curran, Anton Dahlbender, Frank Croissant, Frank A. Miller, Maurice Costello and Robert Blackley have been named as candidates for the Crown of the Isle of Fun. The polls are open, and the vote will be announced in table form daily as soon as all the candidates have been named.

To vote for your favorite, cut out the voting coupon from the second page of The Evening World any day between now and Sept. 5, write in the name of the candidate and send it to the Mardi-Gras Editor, Evening World. In this election repeating is permissible, and vote early and often is advocated by the campaigners.

The friends of Capt. James B. Byrne were at first determined to name him for King of the Carnival of Fun, but finally concluded to push him for Grand Marshal of the Mardi-Gras pageant, and will bring all their persuasive powers to influence President Fred Kister, to name the Captain for the honor.

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FOUND BY WORLD'S AID.

Hotel Guest Recovers Mesh Bag by Using the "Lost" Column.

The manager of the Pierrepont Hotel, No. 45 West Thirty-second street, reported yesterday the return of a valuable mesh bag lost by a guest and recovered through an advertisement in the Lost and Found columns of The World.

The advertisement appeared in The World several weeks ago, offering a reward for the lost bag. The manager of the hotel declined to give the name of the guest, saying he simply wished to notify The World of the good result obtained by the hotel for its guest and thank The World for its service.

BIG CAFE BLAZE.

Fire Does \$7,000 Damage in St. Nicholas Avenue Restaurant.

Fire early today did \$7,000 damage in the cafe and restaurant conducted by William Weiman in the Broadway Building at No. 142 St. Nicholas avenue, corner of One Hundred and Eighty-first street.

Five Candidates for King Of the Carnival of Fun



J.J. CURRAN
ANTON DAHLBENDER
FRANK CROISSANT
FRANK MILLER
W.D. KELLE

NEWEST ATTRACTION
AT OCEAN SIDE NOW IS
THIS RARE BLOOMER

Century Plant at Brighton
Beach Is About to Burst
Into Flower.

The chief attraction these days at Brighton Beach is not ocean bathing or land diversions, but a stranger named Agave Mexicana, or, as perhaps you've been taught to say, century plant. Twenty-five feet high, it stands on the lawn in front of the Brighton Beach Hotel, the object of much staring, for at any moment a pyramid of flowers may show itself.

J. Condon, horticulturist, at No. 730 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, who knows more about this particular specimen than anybody else, says nobody knows how old it is, but it will certainly be the oldest young mother in New York when it blooms.

The plant has two branches, and there will be about thirty flowers to each branch. After the blossoming period the plant dies. The long, spiky leaves at the base wither up, the roots decay, and the flowering stems petrify. But suckers taken from the base of the stem may become new plants.

CHALLENGE TO T. R. BY LA FOLLETTE TO MAKE "CONFESSION OF FACTS"

MADISON, Wis., Aug. 23.—A direct challenge to Col. Roosevelt to make a "confession of facts" and a "clean record of the financing" of his pre-convention campaign was made by Senator La Follette in La Follette's Magazine, issued today. Quoting from Roosevelt's "Confession of Facts" that there should be no contributions during the campaign, La Follette declares, in reference to the Roosevelt pre-convention campaign:

"The public knows that he spent an enormous amount of money in that campaign. In some states, as in Ohio, for example, it has been conservatively estimated that not less than \$20,000 was expended to secure delegates for him. It is generally believed that this money was in large part the unlawful spoils of trusts, which thrived by special favor, at the expense of the people, under the Roosevelt administration.

"Campaign contributions of such magnitude are made by those who have big interests to serve. They are 'reaction' business men and expect big favors in return."

The Wisconsin Senator declares that when the contributors in the Roosevelt pre-convention campaign, "became so glaringly conspicuous," Roosevelt was invited to make a statement as to the contributors, but did not respond. "Until he makes a clean breast of the financing of his last campaign," the editorial concludes, "his Chicago declaration of 'no contributions' is an insult to public intelligence."

JUDGE PARKER REFERS TO HIS CHARGE MADE AGAINST ROOSEVELT.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 23.—Judge Alton B. Parker, Democratic candidate for President in 1904, issued the following statement here today:

"The story that the Standard Oil contributed in the 1904 campaign through Archibald is not new. I repeated the story of the \$100,000 contribution to Treasurer Hise in a political speech four years ago in Baltimore.

by the committee; that Cortelyou was not punished for keeping and spending it; instead he was rewarded by being made Postmaster-General and afterward promoted to be Secretary of the Treasury.

"These facts ought to satisfy any mind that the letter was not written to be obeyed, but written for production for public consumption in case the contribution should be sometime exposed."

PERKINS DENIES HE RAISED MILLIONS FOR T. R. CAMPAIGN.

George W. Perkins today indignantly denied the statement of Senator Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania, made on the floor of the Senate yesterday, that a fund of three millions was "underwritten" by the financial backer of the Bull Moose party for the purpose of securing control of the Republican National Convention in Chicago last June.

"I am ready to go before the Senate Committee which is investigating campaign contributions at any time," said Mr. Perkins. "I notified this committee two weeks ago of my willingness to appear before them, but as yet I have not heard anything from them. I think the public understands that I have never hesitated to give any information to properly constituted bodies.

"As for the statement of Senator Penrose that I underwrote a Roosevelt campaign fund of three millions, I can only repeat that there is absolutely no truth in it. It didn't cost three millions, or two millions, or one million, or three hundred thousand, or two hundred and fifty thousand. Why, I am told that the Republican National Convention in Chicago cost ninety thousand. We held our Progressive convention in the same hall, and it didn't cost us fifteen thousand."

"It was said that you offered to underwrite a Mayoralty campaign fund of \$500,000 for the Republicans," one of his interviewers reminded him. "That is not so," said Mr. Perkins, angrily.

Railroad shares evinced a better tone at the outset of stock market trading today. A great deal of the liquidation that was in progress yesterday against the rails was withdrawn at the start and issues like Reading and Union Pacific established good-sized recovery in the Union Pacific was in good demand around 120.

Heavy dealings in the Coppers were the feature of a lifeless market in the afternoon. While other shares were inclined toward heaviness, the metals jumped into activity with advancing prices. Both Amalgamated and Utah Copper displayed large sized gains at the finish.

In the last few minutes realizing was brought to bear against St. Paul and other railroad issues, which resulted in an irregular closing.

THE CLOSING PRICES.

	High	Low	Last	Chg.
Amal. Copper	117 1/2	117	117 1/2	+
Amal. Lead	117 1/2	117	117 1/2	+
Amal. Zinc	117 1/2	117	117 1/2	+
Amal. Nickel	117 1/2	117	117 1/2	+
Amal. Silver	117 1/2	117	117 1/2	+
Am. Small & Ref. Co.	87 1/2	86 1/2	87	+
Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.	143 1/2	143 1/4	143 1/2	- 1
Am. Tobacco	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	+
Am. Zinc & Lead	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	+
Balt. & Ohio	106 1/2	107	106 1/2	+
Cent. Location	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	+
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